

case as they merely clarify the features already claims and searched by the Examiner and, thus, no further search and or consideration is necessary.

If there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please **AMEND** claims 37, 40 and 41 as follows:

37. (ONCE AMENDED) A method of displaying a three-dimensional shape model onto a two-dimensional plane, characterized in that a [regular] polyhedron containing therein whole or a part of the three-dimensional shape model is also displayed, wherein at least a depth of a control point on the three-dimensional shape model is controlled in accordance with a position of the polyhedron.

41. (ONCE AMENDED) An apparatus for displaying a three-dimensional shape model onto a two-dimensional plane, comprising:

[a] means for calculating a [regular] polyhedron containing therein whole or a part of the three-dimensional shape model;

a pointing device;

[a] means for judging a relative positional relationship between a point designated by the pointing device and [the] a position of said polyhedron; and

[a] means for changing a display mode of said three-dimensional shape model in accordance with the result of the judgment, wherein at least a depth of a control point on the three-dimensional shape model is controlled in accordance with the position of the polyhedron.